

Will said to his mammy

From "a Musical Dreame"

or The Fourth booke of Ayres... 1609

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Soprano

Will saide to his mammy that he woulde goe woo,
Soft a while my lam-my stay, and yet a - bide,

Alto

Will saide to his mammy that he woulde goe woo, faine
Soft a while my lam-my stay, and yet a - bide, hee

Bass

Lute

1. 2.

faine would he wed but he wot not who. who In faith chil have a
hee like a foole as he was re - plied, plied,

would he wed but he wot not who. who In faith chil have a
like a foole as he was re - plied, plied,

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wife, a wife, a wife O what a life do I lead for a

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wife in my bed I may not tell you. O there to have a wife, a wife, a wife

in my bed I may not tell you. O there to have a wife, a wife, a wife, a wife

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O tis a smart to my hart, tis a racke to my backe and to my bel - ly.

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2.

Scarcely was hee wedded,
 Full a fortnights space,
 But that he was in a heavie case,
 Largely was he headded,
 And his checkes lookt thinne:
 And to repent he did thus beginne;
 A figge for such a wife, a wife, a wife,
 O what a life do I lead,
 With a wife in my bed
 I may not tell you.
 there to have a wife, a wife, a wife,
 O tis a smart to my hart,
 Tis a racke to my backe,
 And to my belly.

3.

All you that are Batchelers,
 Be learned by crying will,
 When you are well to remaine so still,
 better for to tarry,
 And alone to lie
 Then like a foole with a fool to drie:
 A figge for such a wife, a wife, a wife,
 O what a life do I lead,
 With a wife in my bed
 I may not tell you.
 there to have a wife, a wife, a wife,
 O tis a smart to my hart,
 Tis a racke to my backe,
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